

DIARY NOTES

DD/S [REDACTED]

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting there was considerable discussion about a project involving \$150 thousand which DD/P proposed to undertake [REDACTED] 1C  
[REDACTED] The Director signed off but expressed his strong feeling that such projects should, in the future, be processed through the Projects Review Committee.

2. [REDACTED] was in for a few minutes. He said that his family business demanded his full time and, therefore, he is leaving the Agency, at least for the present, but may some day come back. He spoke very highly of his Finance Officer, [REDACTED] and very highly indeed of [REDACTED] his Administrative Officer, in [REDACTED].

3. I spent about an hour discussing [REDACTED] paper on Emergency Relocation with [REDACTED]. I gave them ideas on the approach we should take and asked them to prepare a new draft.

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4. Also at the Deputies' Meeting there was considerable discussion of a joint project with the Department of the Air Force which will cost about \$6 million. Dick Bissell posed two questions: first, whether we should finance any of this project, and, second, whether we should undertake a part of the procurement. This entire matter is subject to further discussion with the Air Force and others. However, Dick felt that if we are going to finance a part of it we should not put up more than \$2 million. He also felt that there might be some merit in undertaking the procurement inasmuch as we could probably do it faster and more securely. This would, of course, be a legitimate claim on the Contingency Reserve. In this connection, Dick said that some things which we had thought we would go to the Reserve for are not going to materialize and, therefore, our withdrawals will not be as heavy as he had previously anticipated.

6. Larry Houston was in to talk to me about the legal setup [REDACTED]. He believes that they have a man lined up to replace [REDACTED]. However, he has an opportunity to set up another lawyer [REDACTED]. While he does not say that this would pay immediate dividends he thinks that it is highly desirable in the long run. I told him that it sounded okay to me in principle but I thought that the decision would have to be coordinated with [REDACTED]. Larry thought that it was a good idea.

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